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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1655
MOTOYAMA et al) Examiner: J. Taylor
Appln. No.: 09/762,633) Washington, D.C.
Filed: February 12, 2001) August 16, 2001
For: GENES FOR DETECTING) Atty.Docket: MOTOYAMA=1
BACTERIA AND A METHOD FOR)
DETECTING BACTERIA BY)
USING THE GENES)

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH
SEQUENCE LISTING REQUIREMENTS**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply dated July 25, 2001, and prior to the examination of the above-described application, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the two paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 11, and ending at page 3, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

--(5) The fifth invention is an oligonucleotide characterized in that the gene sequence of a spacer region between a gene coding 16S rRNA and a gene coding 23S rRNA of *Pectinatus frisingensis* has at least one of the following sequence group or the corresponding complementary sequence: